The airwaves belong to the American People. We are in critical need of more diversity of opinions and news sources. The radio and tv programs should be freed from the commercial interests of sponsors and owners. The creativity and content should be based on local creativity and input from the people who live in the region. Also, nationally except for cspan most of the reporting has become soundbites and opinions from newsorganizations who are owned by corporate interests who push the agenda of these corporations. The airwaves belong to the people and the next movement in the fcc is giving small programmers and radio organizations with the public interest first more opportunity to own many stations locally. Never should a newspaper own a tv station and radio station in the same market.

I am opposed to the pending decision to allow media companies to become even bigger. The proposed changes are a threat to First Amendment freedoms that are so essential to this country. This is such an important decision because it cannot be turned back. I hope you will reconsider. cjd